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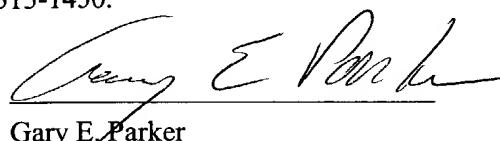


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Sir:

If the Examiner deems the Amendment filed December 3, 2003 not to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences the decision of the Primary Examiner dated October 2, 2003 to finally reject claims 33-36.

A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time is enclosed.

Applicants claim Small Entity status. If deemed necessary, please charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b), estimated to be \$165.00, and any additional fees in conjunction with this communication, to Deposit Account No. 26-0290.

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Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (in duplicate)  
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